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The Honorable George J. Hazel
United States District Court
District of Maryland
6500 Cherrywood Lane
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Re: *Kravitz et al. v. U.S. Dept. of Commerce et al.* (No. 18-cv-01041);
La Unión del Pueblo Entero, et al., v. Ross, et al. (No. 18-01570)

Dear Judge Hazel:

Defendants write to inform you that the President today signed an Executive Order entitled “Collecting Information About Citizenship Status in Connection With the Decennial Census,” a copy of which is attached to this letter. In the Order, the President stated that the Supreme Court’s decision in *Department of Commerce v. New York*, No. 18-966 (June 27, 2019), “has now made it impossible, as a practical matter, to include a citizenship question on the 2020 decennial census questionnaire.” Furthermore, in prepared remarks, the Attorney General stated that, “as a practical matter, the Supreme Court’s decision closed all paths to adding the question to the 2020 decennial census.”¹

In light of these conclusions, Defendants plan to confer with Plaintiffs’ counsel regarding appropriate next steps in these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/remarks-attorney-general-william-p-barr-census-citizenship-question>.

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